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SUBJ: TIMOR: PETITION TO PRESIDENT CARTER

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1. ACCORDING TO JIM DUNN, FORMER AUSTRALIAN CONSUL IN EAST
TIMOR, APPROXIMATELY 100 MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT
FROM ALL THREE PARTIES HAVE SIGNED THE FOLLOWING PETITION
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

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PARLIAMENTARY GROUP - AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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WE THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF AUST-
RALIA CONCERNED WITH BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, APPLAUD THE ACTIONS
TAKE BY YOU IN RELATION TO YOUR DEFENCE OF PRISONERS OF
CONSCIENCE IN THE U.S.S.R. AND THE ADVOCATES OF FREEDOM
OF EXPRESSION, AS WELL AS YOUR COMMENTS ON THE RECENT
TRAFIC EVENTS IN UGANDA.

WE DRAW ATTENTION TO THE MOUNTING AND DISTURBING EVIDENCE THAT INNOCENT CIVILIANS IN TIMOR HAVE BEEN DETAINED WITHOUT DUE PROCESS AND KILLED AS A RESULT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF INDONESIA.

BEING PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUND THE DEATHS OF AUSTRALIAN AND THE WELL BEING OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN OUR REGION; AND NOTING THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAVING OBSERVED REPORTS THAT THIS SITUATION HAS NOT CHANGED; URGE YOU TO AGAIN USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES AS A MATTER OF URGENCY TO SEEK ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA:

- (I) THAT IT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND
- (II) ALLOW THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO RESUME HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN EAST TIMOR.

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2. DUNN IS TAKING A TWO MONTH LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM HIS PARLIAMENTARY POSITION TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE EAST TIMORESE. HE HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO APPEAR BEFORE CONGRESSMAN DONALD FRASER'S COMMITTEE. 'PENGUIN' HAS AGREED TO PUBLISH A SHORT BOOK BASED ON INTERVIEWS DUNN HELD WITH EAST TIMORESE REFUGEES NOW LIVING IN PORTUGAL.

3. DUNN BELIEVES THAT HIS REPORT WAS VERY EFFECTIVE IN
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LEADING SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF PARLIAMENTARIANS TO SIGN THE PETITION TO PRESIDENT CARTER. (THERE ARE 191 MEMBERS IN THE TWO HOUSES.) DUNN HAS ALSO HEARD THAT A COPY OF HIS REPORT HAS BEEN LEAKED TO THE DUTCH PARLIAMENT AND HAS LED SOME PARLIAMENTARIANS THERE TO SEEK A CUTBACK IN AID TO INDONESIA.

4. WE WILL POUCH COPIES OF DUNN'S REPORT WHEN AVAILABLE.
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